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1. AS DIRECTED, WE PRESENTED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL NOVEMBER 19
TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY RIBERHOLDT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOR-
EIGN AFFAIRS.

2. RIBERHOLDT'S REACTION WAS TWOFOLD. HE SAID, FIRST,
THAT ALTHOUGH THE IDEA OF LINKING CIEC CONCESSIONS WITH OPEC
PRICE DECISIONS HAD BEEN AIRED IN EC COUNCIL, THE EC WAS NOT
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PURSUING SUCH LINKAGE AS AN EC OBJECTIVE. IT WAS RIBERHOLDT'S

UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STRONGEST PROTAGONIST FOR SUCH A LINKAGE WAS THE WEST GERMANS AND THAT THE DUTCH HAD BEEN TOYING WITH THE IDEA. IT WAS CONCEIVABLE, HE SAID, THAT THE GERMANS MIGHT BE PEDDLING THE IDEA UNILATERALLY IN OPEC CAPITALS. RIBERHOLDT DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH ATTITUDES.

3. RIBERHOLDT'S SECOND REACTION WAS THAT DENMARK FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ENERGY CRISIS HAS OPPOSED MINGLING ENERGY WITH OTHER ISSUES IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. DENMARK BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY WAY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CAN INFLUENCE OPEC PRICE DECISIONS IS BY DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. NO CIEC DECISION, HE SAID, WILL MATERIALLY INFLUENCE OPEC PRICE DETERMINATIONS.

4. WHEN ASKED IF DENMARK WOULD OPPOSE A FORMAL ATTEMPT WITHIN THE EC TO GET A TRADE OFF BETWEEN CIEC CONCESSIONS AND OPEC OIL PRICES, RIBERHOLDT'S ANSWER WAS "YES."
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